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FOUR ARE KILLED WHEN CITY WATER TANKS COLLAPSE

Some Missing and Many In- Trial of Alleged Slayers of jured in Parkersburg Catastrophe.

FORTY HOUSES SWEPT AWAY

\$300,000 Damage Done, and City Former Senator Slain at Close of Faces Famine-Dynamite Suspected.

RESULTS OF FLOOD.

Four persons dead. Two or more seriously injured; may die.

Several persons slightly hurt. \$300,000 damage to property. Forty houses destroyed, including St. John's Lutheran Church and the Parkersburg Summer School.

Three residences swept from their foundations and carried from 25 to 200 yards.

Breaking of the two water tanks makes Parkersburg face a water famine, since from them a large part of the city is supplied.

PAKERSBURG, W. Va., March 19 .-Four persons are known to be dead, two others are reported to be dying, several more were seriously injured and water tanks on Prospect Hill at 5:30

The dead already recovered from the wrecked portion of the city are: WALTER WAGGLE. MRS. WALTER WAGGLE.

TWO CHILDREN OF THE WAG-

The injured so far reported are: Mrs. John Mahoney, both was broken, reported to be dying.

Ethel Jones, internal injuries,

girl injured superficially by wreckage. The damage is estimated to amount to at least \$300,000.

Forty houses are in ruins and the city water supply is very seriously impaired.

Dynamite Suspected. explosion was the start of the catastrophe. The efforts of the city's officials is at present turned to the succoring

toy pond.
The fact that most people were in bed when the wave came, may have been responsible for the few number of dead. While the flood caught four or possibly more, it was not of long tenough duration to cause damage such countered Carmack, and both sides

Stories in Conflict.

Waiting until late in the night, when the streets were deserted, a mob of masked men, secretly organized, without noise, marched upon the countered Carmack, and both sides caused at Johnstown twenty years ago.

Houses Knocked Over.

a second others were bumping and beating into each other with a terrible grinding and crashing that awakened

caught in their beds and had no chance to get away. The debris of their own houses or of others carried on the crest of the wave, beat out life or broke limbs with superhuman force.

It was only a few minutes until the work of rescue was started, but owing work of rescue was started, but owing to the wreckage the injured were taken

Parkersburg depends in part on these tanks for her water, and the break will mean much suffering and probably discase, since the supply formula in the supply formula in the supply formula in the supply discase. ease, since the supply from other sources is not good.

WEATHER REPORT.

The disturbance that was central The disturbance that was central Thursday morning near Kansas City now covers the Ohio valley and the Lake region, and its rain area has extended over the Middle Atlantic States. The barometer is also low over the southern Rocky mountain region, and in the extreme Northwest.

Temperature has risen east of the ployes threaten an immediate strike. Temperature has risen east of the Mississippi and in Texas; elsewhere the

The winds along the middle Atlantic coast will be brisk southerly, shifting to west and northwest; on the South Atlantic and East Guif coasts moderate

So far there have been no disturbances, but a strong force of troops is being held in readiness in Paris to suppress disorder.

Paris is completely tied up. The governments of the southerly to the southerly the southerly to the southerly the sou

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Showers and warmer tonight; showers, followed by fair and cooler Saturday; moderate to brisk southwesterly, shifting to northwesterly winds.

1 p. m..... 2 p. m.... SUN TABLE.

TIDE TABLE. Today—High tide, 5:55 a. m. and 6:20 p. m. Low tide, 12:08 a. m. and 12:20 p. m. Tomorrow—High tide, 6:49 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Low tide, 1:90 a. m. and 1:17

COOPER MISTRIAL, SHARP ACQUITTED, JURY SENT BACK

Carmack Leads to a Division.

POLITICAL FIGHT CAUSED MURDER

Bitter Prohibition Campaign.

NASHVILLE, March 19.—After being out since Wednesday morning the jury that has been trying Col. Duncan B. Cooper, Robin Cooper, and John D. Sharp for the murder of former United States Senator Edward W. Carmack, at 12:35 o'clock this afternoon, returned a verdict of acquittal for Sharp, and reported a mistrial in the case of the

The court discharged Sharp and sent the jury back for further consideration of the case against the

Result of Party Strife.

Carmack was killed by Robin Cooper on November 9. The tragedy was a direct outcome of the unfortunate pothis city faces a water famine, and the litical strife engendered in the Demoresulting sickness almost certain to en- cratic party of Tennessee during the sue, as a result of the breaking of two closing days of Carmack's term as United States Senator.

Colonel Cooper, who for years had been one of Carmack's closest personal and political friends, espoused the cause of Gov. Bob Taylor, and the latter was elected United States Sens. tor. Then when Governor Patterson became a candidate for the nomination

While the cause of the break is not engaged in a series of joint debates one known, it is believed that a dynamite of the chief points at issue being Statewide prohibition, which Carmack advocated and Patterson opposed. Carmack of the wounded, but an attempt will was defeated, and he charged that this be made as soon as possible to fix the cause of the terrible disaster.

The city was sleeping when the flood rame. The two tanks high up on Prospect Hill had always been regarded as peet Hill had always been regarded as safety of that part of the safety of the safety of that part of the safety of that part of the safety of that part of the safety of t given to the safety of that part of the city which naturally would lie in the path of any flood that might come from ville Tennessean, attacked Colonel

told entirely different stories of the given to them. In the face of such meeting. Friends of Carmack swore odds the two guards, Lafe Troy and The first houses reached by the tear- that the Coopers, on seeing Carmack, Young Nooncke, were forced to give ing water were knocked over and started toward him, with drawn re- up their prisoner. Weak from loss sammed against those beyond and in volvers and that he "never had a dog's chance for his life."

dead and injured were probably that Colonel Cooper went over to make Railroad avenue, the principal street a friendly proposition to Carmack; that Carmack drew his revolver and fired two shots at Robin Cooper, and that the latter shot him three times, the latter shot him three times, was fired, the mob proceeding deliberation of culetly, doing their work with

TO JOIN STRIKERS

Parls is completely tied up. The government is using army telegraphers to move its most important official business, but commercial and newspaper business is practically at a standstill. More than nine million letters and three hundred thousand telegrams are being

held up in the Paris postoffice stations.

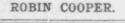
A majority of the officers of the infantry regiments stationed in the capital have been detailed to sort and The railway post station are blocked by the rapidly accumulating mail. It is estimated that the strike is costing the government \$180,000 a day while the loss to private business inter ests cannot be estimate 1.

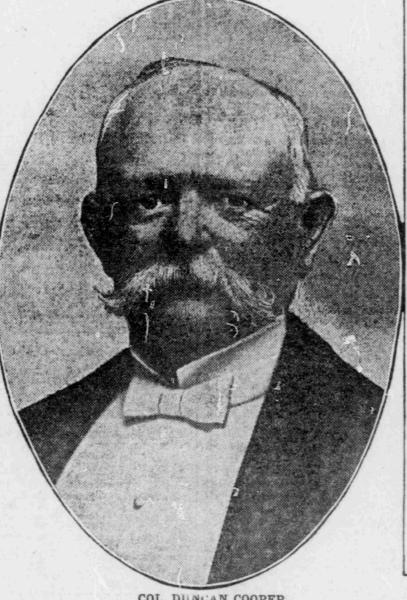
PERISH IN PRAIRIE FIRE.

BRISTOW, Okla., March 19.—Four children of M. C. Palmer, near Newby, Okla., were burned to death in a prairle fire which destroyed the family residence. Palmer and his wife and one son escaped. The fire swept over

ACQUITTED SHERIFF AND FRIENDS AWAITING FATE







COL. DUNCAN COOPER.



JOHN D. SHARP.

CHIEF'S ASSAILANT HANGED BY MCB

Masked Men Overcome Guards of Joe Brown and Lynch Him.

ELKINS, W. Va., March 19 .- Sum-The father and mother of the Jones Colonel Cooper and Sharp were chief, mer, yesterday afternoon, when a mob that ignorance is the principal cause ly contested. Carmack and Patterson oner up to a telephone pole on the prin- ica under the direction of the Italian cipal street of the city. The crowd then ambassador at Washington. disbanded.

Soon after the shooting and before the posse was organized it was instruct- assist in financing the project. ed to take Brown dead or alive. He led he has written to Rockefeller, Car-

When Brown was brought back to the the hill.

There was no warning roar of the waters; the terrible life-blotting wall came with a rush and a swoop that made escape impossible, and that bowled over houses and buildings like chips are bowled over before the waves of a town pond.

Cooper by name.

The bad blood that resulted was followed by the death of Carmack, who was killed as he was walking to his home.

Was freely indulged in. It was the original intention to bring him to Eikins for treatment in the local hospital, but feeling ran so strong against him and threats were so freely made that his removal was abandoned. Lynching was not unexpected. city and lodged in the jail, lynch talk was killed as he was walking to his threats were so freely made that his =

not unexpected.

Waiting until late in the night, when the streets were deserted, a men of masked man search. ized, without noise, marched upon the of blood, and from the pain of a shattered arm, Brown put up a feeble resistance, and was soon overcome. He On the other hand, the Coopers swore was hustled around the corner of

So little disturbance was created that culation regarding proposed changes in few outside of the members of the party learned of Brown's fate until this morning when his body was found. It was cut down this morning and an inquest the jury returning a verdict of dors will be retired: death at the hands of parties unknown.

Men Not Known. If the identity of those who particle

pated is known, it is being closely guarded and no action will be taken, it is thought. The mob proceeded to take law in its own hands without waiting to find out whether the police chief was dead or not.
While seriously wounded, White has an even chance of recovery, an op-

This lynching is the fourth for this county in the last eight years. The murderer of Chief of Police Robert L.

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Lilly, of this city, was lynched here in
the city park in 1991, and a year later
two negroes, charged with complicity in
the murder of Chief of Police Welmoth,
of Womelsdorf, were visited by the mob,
dragged half a mile from the jall to
the woods, hanged, and riddled with
J. G. A. Leishman,

Had Bad Record.

Brown bore a notorious reputation, naving served many sentences in jail crimes. From the time he broke jail at Beverly four years ago while serving a sentence for assaulting Captain Munson, a prominent citizen of the county, until a few days ago he had not been heard of. for felonious assaults and kindred

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return Saturdays and Sundays via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All regular trains except the "Congressional Limited."-Advt.

ITALY'S KING STARTS FIGHT ON THE MAFIA

Confers With J. Pierpont Morgan, Who Promises to Enlist Aid of Rich Americans to Combat Crime With Education.

DIPLOMATIC SLATE NORTON GETS PLACE

Rumor Current That Six Assistant Secretary of the

He said:

tomorrow afternoon with the President own choics in the position.

manuel today received J. P. Morgan and Ship etween the United States and announced himself a candida's for re- mar, justice was given to Joe Brown, out the Black Hand and similar criminomination Carmack, who blamed Pat- who shot and perhaps seriously wound- nal societies in the Unted States terson and his lieutenants, of whom ed Scott White, chief of police, of Whit- through education. The King believes his influence. of a hundred masked men swooped of criminality among the Italian emidown upon the Whitmer jail about 1:15 grants, and proposes to over:ome this o'clock this morning, disarmed the with a chain of night schoo's estab-The primary that forewed was citter- guard of two men, and strung the pris- lished in all the Italian centers of Amer-

> The King has himself subscribed liberally toward the project, but is un-Brown, who had gone to the hills, was able to bear the entire cost, so hos captured, mutterings were heard. When appealed to the rich men of America to

> > Planches to confer with interested by strict orders from Rome, making Americans and explain his plans in de- energetic efforts to arrest the murder-During his audience with the King at

was freely indulged in. It was the the Quirin I today, Morgan offered his dered the police prefect to Rome to disoriginal intention to bring him to Elkins ald.

"I will be happy," he said, "to conduct of the officials and to devise means to more energetically

Ambassadors Will Be

Retired.

By JAMES HAY, JR.

to deny or confirm the reports in cir-

the diplomatic corps of the United

States, circumstantial stories are cur-

rent today that the following ambassa-

Charles S. Francis, Austria-Hungary.

Will Confer Tomorrow.

Mr. Knox will have a long conference

regarding the diplomatic slate, and it

those who will leave the diplomatic

service are persistent reports that the

following appointments will be agreed

on by the President and the Secretary

President Charles W. Ellot, of Har-

J. G. A. Leishman, to be transferred

Henry Clay Ide, of New York, Spain,

Richard C. Kerens, of St. Louis,

Truman H. Newberry, former Socre

tary of the Navy, or Chester I. Long,

Ide for Madrid.

Kerens to Austria-Hungary has been

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from Constantinople to Rome.

Austria-Hungary

of Kansas, Russia.

V hitelaw Reid, Great Britain.

William M. Collier, Spain.

Henry White, France.

Lloyd C. Griscom, Italy.

John W. Riddle, Russia.

While Secretary of State Knox refuses

a very wise one."
Ambassador Griscom, who accompanied Morgan, also promised to

Services for Petrosino. PALERMO, March 19. - Memorial

services in honor of Petrosino were held here today. A huge crowd gathered and an imposing demonstration followed the denunciation by orators of the criminals who had dishonored Sicily by the crime.

After the services the embalmed body of the detective was sent to Naples for transportation to the United States. It could not be shipped from this port, because the transportation companies did not desire to incur the vengeance of

The Palermo police are now moved ers. They arrested twenty-nine sus-pects yesterday. Premier Giotti has ortribute to this cause, and do anything work for the punishment of the guilty

Treasury Succeeded By

Chicago Man.

It is officially announced today that

Louis A. Coolidge has resigned as As-

sistant Secretary of the Treasury and will be succeeded by Charles Dyer Nor-

"My resignation has been at the dis-

posal of Secretary MacVeagh for several days, as I recognize that he would naturally wish to have a man of his

PAYNE TARIFF BILL

Maximum and Minimum Scheme Has Few Friends in the Senate.

By JOHN SNURE.

One of the greatest battles over the tariff bill, if not the greatest, will rage around the question of a maximum and mimimum law as provided in the Payne

The more the maximum and minimum features of the Payne bill are studied by many of the members of Congress, the more they incline to doubt their wis-

It is a certainty that not only will the maximum and minimum features of the bill be sharply scrutinized, but they will be the subject of much debate and napers and will make no attempt to will be strongly opposed on the floor, not alone in the House, but in the Sen-In some quarters, the opinion is ex-pressed that the bill cannot pass in its

Will Mean Long Debate.

resent form as to maximum and mini-

through without modification of these erton detectives from the Pittsburg ofprovisions, there will be a long con-fice have been employed. The Sharon troversy which will greatly stretch out city council last night ordered five spe

any country discriminates against any of America's exports, not giving the most-favored-nation concessions as to every kind of goods, then the maximum tariff will apply against goods from the country in question. The maximum is 20 per cent above the rates maximum is 20 per cent above the rates named in the bill itself.

Just what percentage of the imports to this country would be obliged under

this provision to pay the maximum duties is not fully worked out. Some experts, however, declare that fourfifths of the imports to this country would have to pay the 20 per cent in-crease of duties.

Will Tax Consumers. It is said that the effect will be in the first place to impose much more tax on the consuming public, and in the sec-

shall apply sixty days after passage of the act. It is objected by those who It he act. It is objected by those who lo not like the maximum and minimum features of the Payne bill that this is too short a time to allow the countries that now do not give us the most favored nation concessions in trade to

ton, of Chicago. Unotficially it is said that Beekman ond place, to involve this country in Winthrop will resign end be succeeded as Assistant Secretary by C. D. Hillis, of New York. Mr. Hillis is a former disastrous tariff wars. The bill provides the maximum tariff Lancaster, Ohio, man and his appointment is said to represent the Mr. Colidge said this afternoon that his resignation was in the hands of Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh.

revise their fariffs and give us the ninimum in all items.

If the Payne provision as to maximum and minimum is adhered to in a gen-

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ployes threaten an immediate strike. So far there have been no disturbances, but a strong force of troops is being held in readiness in Paris to suppress disorder. an even chance of recovery, an oppropriate of the proposed changes soon of the proposed changes soon after he and Mr. Taft have concluded their talk. FALLS FOUR STORIES, after he and Mr. Taft have concluded their talk. Accompanying the rumors regarding their talk. **BOY ALIGHTS UNHURT**

Youth Working on New Building Jumps for Scaffold, Misses His Foothold, and Lands Far Below.

Jumping from the fourth story of the | pected to find him dead. After treatnew building at 1728 L street northwest | ment at the Emergency Hospital, howto a scaffold extending along the third floor this meening, Thomas Hefferman, In diplomatic circles it is said that sixteen years old, of 314 H street norththe appointment of Ide to Spain and east, missed his footing on the scaffold, tumbled down another story, and finally practically settled. Ide was a member landed in a heap at the bottom of an

of the Philippine Commission, of which areaway, badly shaken up but not seri-Workmen who saw the boy fall ex- foremost down the areaway,

ever, he was able to go to his home. Hefferman was employed as an assistant to some of the men working on the building. It had been his habit to jump from one story to another instead of climbing down the ladders. He mis-judged the distance when he jumped this morning, his foot striking the edge

MOTHER WILL GIVE SHARON KIDNAPERS RANSOM FOR CHILD

"They May Have the Money and I Will Ask No Questions," She Says.

ONE ARREST MADE BY WARREN POLICE

Friends Scour Score of Cities in Frantic Search For the Boy.

RETURN OF HER BOY MOTHER'S ONLY WISH

"I don't want the kidnapers prosecuted. They may have the money-I will do as they wish.

"I shall ask them no questions. I want my boy, and he is all I want. "I feel that Billy must be safe. He is a brave boy, and will not be frightened."

-MRS. J. P. WHITLA.

SHARON, Pa., March 19.-"I don't want the kidnapers prosecuted," said the mother of Billy Whitla, the kidnaped school boy, today. "They may have the money. I will do as they wish. I will ask them no questions. I want my boy, and he is all that I want.

"Officers have told me I should not meet the demands of the kidnapers. They told me the kidnapers should be punished because to pay the money and et them go would encourage crime.

"It's easy to talk that way about omeone else's boy, but Billy is my boy. If it encourages crime to get him back I can't help it. Everything they ask shall be done.

Mrs. Whitla is a young woman. Even as she told of the threat of the kidnapers to kill the boy if pursued because dead men tell no tales nor dead boys, either," she did not break down. Believes Billy Safe.

"I feel that Billy must be safe," she said. "I can not let myself think of any other possibility. He is a brave boy and will not be frightened." Lights burned all night in the front room of the handsome stone residence of the family. The mother and father of the kidnaped boy waited there until long after midnight, then Mrs. Whitla

lay down, but could not sleep. While Whitla and his wife are complying with the demands of the kidcatch or prosecute them, their associates and relatives. ciates and relatives have taken up the search. They say the search is for the boy and does not violate the terms of the demands made by the kidnapers.

Directs the Search.

Frank Buhl, millionaire steel man and brother-in-law of Whitla, heads the It is declared that if the Republican search, with Warren Skilling, a friend organization tries to force the bill of Whitla, in direct charge. Four Pinkthe debate and might even defeat the bill.

The objection raised to the maximum and minimum idea as carried out in the Payna bill is that it is solely retallatory, that it contemplates the raising of a club against other countries. The bill is so drawn that if it becomes a law, and any any country discriminates against Whitla have offered their services.

Trains and electric cars passing through this part of Pennsylvania and Ohio were searched and overhauled at every stop last night.

State Constabulary Acts.

The State constabulary arrived here this morning and immediately took up the chase for little Willie Whitis. Chief of Police Crane swore in fifty additional deputies and placed them throughout the surrounding country. Mrs. Whitla is keeping her ten-year

old daughter, Salina, at home today. The mother will not allow her from her sight. The father today sat in his office directing an extensive search. He is in constant communication with nearby

towns and orders every clue run to earth Frank H. Buhl, the millionaire uncle of Willie Whitla, stated this morning that he will spend \$100,000 to recover the

The rig with which the boy was carried away, was hired in South Sharon, at 8 a. m., by a short heavy-set man with a black moustache. He said he wanted to do some collecting and would return about noon.

ARREST IN SHARON KIDNAPING CASE

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 19 .- 10day the hunt for the kidnapers of Billy C. Whitla, son of a wealthy Sharon, Pa., lawyer, whose abduction from school yesterday was one of the boldest on record, is progressing in every city and town of northeastern Ohio. Interest early in the day centered at Warren, Ohio, where about midnight the police arrested a man answering the description of the man who lured the boy from school. He was held to await possible identification by the Sharon school tanitor.

This man's arrest followed the dis covery in Warren of the horse and buggy in which the abductors drove the boy away. The rig was claimed last night by the Sharon livery man to whom it belonged. Warren is several miles beyond Youngstown.

The police believe that when the horse and carriage were abandoned there, the boy was turned over to con-

Stop-Over of Ten Days at Pittsburgh on Pennsylvania Railroad tickets. For tick ets allowing this privilege and the conditions, consult Ticket Agents.-Advt.